Decentralization of recruitment process in railways

1954. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were wide-spread disturbances in Assam and Bihar over the recruitment process for Class D staff for NF Railways;

(b) whether Government would consider decentralizing the recruitment process down to the divisional level in order to strike a balance of proportionate representation to each divisions; and

(c) what other measures are being contemplated to ensure equitable representation to different regions in railway recruitment policy especially for lower cadres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Some candidates were prevented in Assam from appearing in written examination for Group 'D' posts arranged by Railway Recruitment Board, Guwahati. The disturbance in Assam and Bihar. however, cannot solely be attributed to the recruitment process for Group 'D' posts for N.F. Railway.

(b) There is no such proposal. However, assessment of vacancies is done Division-wise.

(c) Railways follow the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, which are based on the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for giving wide publicity of Employment Notices through the Newspapers, Employment News, Radio, Television etc.

Engineers and diploma holders

1955. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of various engineers and diploma holders is growing day by day and now searching jobs in various fields:

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to issue various departr. small contracts in respect of Railways to unemployed educated engineers/Diploma holders so that these youth can start their own business and get enough experience; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Contracts on the Railways are awarded by following a prescribed procedure by giving *vide* publicity. Eligible unemployed youth can also apply for the same.

Complimentary Railway Passes

1956. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of valid Complimentary Railway Card Passes as on 1st April, 2003, category-wise and State-wise; and

(b) whether such card passes have been issued for life or are subject to renewal at specified interval or subject to check against misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) To check against possibility of misuse, complimentary card passes are issued to various categories with validity of one year or a maximum of two years at a time to be renewed thereafter. In case of complimentary card passes issued to ex-Minister of Railways, ex-Minister of State for Railways, ex-Deputy Minister of Railways, Nobel laureate Shri Amartya Sen and Ms. Rasoolan Bibi, widow of Late Abdul Hamid, Param Veer Chakra Awardee, the validity is for life time.